Sr. No.	Name of the Employee	Special Leave/ Availed (Days)		Station	Reasons
		1993	1994		
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Mr. Dhilip Kumar	4	3	Trivandrum	To attend Meetings
2.	Mr.V.D.Nair	—	3	-do-	with Office bearers at
3.	Mr. Philip John	2	2	-do-	Bombay Meetings with
4.	Mr. Augustine	—	4	-do-	Labour Commissioner,
5.	Mr. Gopinathan	2	3	-do-	Wage Negotiations, Bo-
6.	Mr. Ranikutty George	2	3	-do	nus Meetings, Annual Meetings/Managing Committee Meetings Training, Workers Education etc.
	TOTAL:	10	18		

Grant of advance increments to Air India employees

2124. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has received any representation from its employees in stores department for grant of advance increments as was given to some other employees in Air India;

(b) how many representations have been received by Air India from these aggrieved employees during the last five years; and

(c) whether Air India has taken any action in this regard, if so, the details, thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Schemes to Achieve Foreign Tourists Target

2125. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the targat fixed for the arrival of foreign tourists by the end of the current century;

(b) the investment needed to implement schemes to achieve the target; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the requirement of funds for that purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The National Action Plan for Tourism (1992) envisaged that the share of India in the world tourist arrivals should be increased from 0.4% to 1% within a period of five years. In terms of actual arrivals, the target worked out to be 5 million tourists by 1996-97. The amount of investment required for achieving the target of 5 million tourists was notionally estimated to be Rs. 39,100 crores in a Working Paper prepared by the Department of Tourism. Considering the investment required and an assessment of the resources available within the time period, the target of 5 million tourist arrivals is likely to be achieved by the end of the current century.

(c) Steps taken to meet the requirement of funds for the purpose include granting of incentives and facilities for attracting private investment, declaration of tourism as a priority sector for foreign investment, co-ordination with different Departments of Government of India and the State Governments for increasing/earmarking plan allocations for the improvement of infrastructural facilities in the identified centres etc.